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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 15 of page 4 and ending with line 20 of page 4 with the following amended paragraph.

--As shown in Fig. 1, for attaching prior art gutter systems to a structure, a hanger 40 is positioned transverse to the gutter 30 and a nail, screw or other attachment means is inserted through gutter 30, hanger 40 and fascia 22 of structure 20. The combination of the attachment means, hanger 40 and fascia or fascia 22 also act to strengthen the structural integrity of the gutter 30. Gutters 30 generally consist of a front wall 32, a bottom wall 34 and a rear wall 36, where the rear wall interfaces with the fascia 22 of structure 20.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 7 and ending with line 12 of page 7 with the following amended paragraph.

--As shown in Fig. 9, front member 106 is formed to match the geometry of the lip section 52 of gutter cover 50. This provides structural support for gutter cover 50 and prevents the collapse of gutter cover 50 within the opening 38 of gutter 30, as a result of heavy loading by snow or other debris. To provide additional structural support for gutter cover 50, intermediate member 110 may also be configured to mirror the geometry of the gutter cover 50. Bracket 100 may also be removably coupled to gutter cover 50 by inserting coupling member 112, which acts as a male member, into the area formed by fold ~~58~~⁵⁶, which acts as the female member.--